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SUBJECT: BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN CND; POMPIDOU INITIATIVE

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1. EMBOFF BRIEFED INSPECTOR GENERAL BEN HUYGHE, MINPUB
HEALTH PHARMACOLOGY INSPECTORATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
REFTELS. HUYGHE WILL ATTEND CND SESSIONS AS OBSERVER.
HE SAID HE AGREED WITH US VIEWS ON LICIT OPIUM SUPPLY
SITUATION BUT IS CONCERNED THAT RESEARCH ON SUBSTITUTES
FOR OPIATE DERIVATIVE DRUGS MAY DEVELOP ADDICTIVE DRUGS
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EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL THAN OPIATES. IN THIS

REGARD HE NOTED THAT HIS INSPECTORATE HAD IDENTIFIED CASES OF ADDICTION TO PENTAZOCINE AND PROPOXAPHENE, WHICH HE WOULD TAKE UP AT CND.

2. HUYGHE, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON DRUG SCHEDULES IN COMMISSION ON HARMONIZATION OF LEGISLATION UNDER "POMPIDOU INITIATIVE", TOLD EMBOFF THAT SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORK WAS PROCEEDING RAPIDLY. EC-COUNTRIES WOULD ACCEPT SCHEDULES ONE AND TWO IN TOTAL AS SUBJECT TO FULL INCB CONTROL AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; HOWEVER, GERMANS AND ITALIANS IN PARTICULAR DISAGREED ON SCHEDULES THREE AND FOUR, AS RESULT OF WHICH HE THOUGH MAXIMUM AGREED POSITION WOULD BE FOR FILING FULL IMPORT AND EXPORT INFORMATION, AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, ON SOME SCHEDULE THREE AND FOUR ITEMS. NEVERTHELESS, HE THOUGH BELGIUM WOULD RATIFY VIENNA CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPICS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS, PROBABLY NEXT YEAR. HE ALSO SAID THAT DUTCH, UNDER PRESSURE FROM THEIR EC PARTNERS, HAS "DEFINITELY DECIDED" NOT TO LEGALIZE USE OF CANNABIS. ASKED IF DUTCH ONLY TOOK "DECISION" PENDING POSSIBLE CHANGE IN SINGLE CONVENTION, HE REPLIED THAT FRANCE AND GERMANY, TO MENTION ONLY TWO EUROPEAN SIGNATORIES, WOULD NEVER STAND FOR SUCH CHANGE.

3. WASHINGTON HAS FULL BIO ON HUYGHE, WHO WAS IVP GRANTEE IN 1972. US CND DELEGATION WILL FIND HIM EXTREMELY RECEPTIVE TO AMERICANS, CANDID, AND QUITE GREGARIOUS. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL BUT FRENCH BETTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN TALKING SHOP. HE ENJOYS DISCUSSING HIS VISIT TO US, ABOUT WHICH HE WROTE 180-PAGE REPORT. US EXPERTS WHO EXAMINED HIS INSPECTORATE HERE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT PHARMACEUTICS CONTROL SYSTEM HUYGHE MANAGES IS UNEXCELLED.
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